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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3 *applicable to primaries and elections held on or after such date*):

4 If, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, or any fiscal year
5 thereafter, the amount of funds available under section 3-69a for
6 deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 is
7 less than the amount of funds required under said section 3-69a to be
8 deposited in said fund, or if during the election cycle the amount of
9 funds in the Citizens' Election Fund is less than the amount of funds
10 required to provide grants to each qualified candidate committee
11 pursuant to section 9-705, a portion of the revenues from the tax
12 imposed under chapter 208, equal to the difference between said
13 amounts, shall be deposited in said fund to allow for payment of
14 grants in accordance with the provisions of chapter 157.

15 Sec. 2. Section 9-716 of the general statutes is repealed and the

16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
17 *applicable to primaries and elections held on or after such date*):

18 (a) Not later than June 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the State
19 Elections Enforcement Commission shall issue a report on the status of
20 the Citizens' Election Fund during the previous calendar year. Such
21 report shall include the amount of moneys deposited in the fund, the
22 sources of moneys received by category, the number of contributions,
23 the number of contributors, the amount of moneys expended by
24 category, the recipients of moneys distributed from the fund and an
25 accounting of the costs incurred by the commission in administering
26 the provisions of this chapter.

27 (b) Not later than January first in any year in which a state election
28 is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the amount of
29 moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of this
30 chapter. [If the commission determines that such amount is not
31 sufficient to carry out such purposes, the commission shall, not later
32 than three days after such later determination, (1) determine the
33 percentage of the fund's obligations that can be met for such election,
34 (2) recalculate the amount of each payment that each qualified
35 candidate committee is entitled to receive under section 9-706 by
36 multiplying such percentage by the amount that such committee
37 would have been entitled to receive under this chapter, if there were a
38 sufficient amount of moneys in the fund, and (3) notify each such
39 committee of such insufficiency, percentage and applicable
40 recalculation. After a qualified candidate committee under section 9-
41 706 first receives any such recalculated payment, the committee may
42 resume accepting contributions, which shall not be subject to the
43 restrictions on qualifying contributions under section 9-704, and
44 making expenditures from such contributions, up to the highest
45 amount of expenditures made by an opposing nonparticipating
46 candidate in the same primary campaign or general election
47 campaign.] The commission shall [also] issue a report on said
48 determination.

49 (c) The commission shall establish a reserve account in the fund. The
 50 first twenty-five thousand dollars deposited in the fund during any
 51 year shall be placed in said account. The commission shall use moneys
 52 in the reserve account only during the seven days preceding a primary
 53 or an election for payments [to candidates whose payments were
 54 reduced under subsection (b) of this section] if the fund is insufficient.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage and applicable to primaries and elections held on or after such date</i>	9-750
Sec. 2	<i>from passage and applicable to primaries and elections held on or after such date</i>	9-716

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